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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Steel Wire Garment Hangers from the People's Republic of China: Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, formerly Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce

SUMMARY: As a result of the determinations by the Department of Commerce (the “Department”) and the International Trade Commission (the “ITC”) that revocation of the antidumping duty order on steel wire garment hangers from the People's Republic of China (“PRC”) would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, the Department is publishing a notice of continuation of the antidumping duty order.

DATES: EFFECTIVE DATE: (INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.)

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 6, 2008, the Department published the antidumping duty order on steel wire garment hangers from the PRC.¹ On September 3, 2013, the Department initiated the first five-

¹ See Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Steel Wire Garment Hangers from the People's Republic of China, 73 FR 58111 (October 6, 2008).

year (“sunset”) review of the antidumping duty order on steel wire garment hangers from the PRC pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the “Act”).² As a result of its review, the Department determined that revocation of the antidumping duty order on steel wire garment hangers from the PRC would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and, therefore, notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail should the order be revoked.³ On February 27, 2014, the ITC published its determination, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty order on steel wire garment hangers from the PRC would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.⁴

Scope of the Order

The merchandise that is subject to the order is steel wire garment hangers, fabricated from carbon steel wire, whether or not galvanized or painted, whether or not coated with latex or epoxy or similar gripping materials, and/or whether or not fashioned with paper covers or capes (with or without printing) and/or nonslip features such as saddles or tubes. These products may also be referred to by a commercial designation, such as shirt, suit, strut, caped, or latex (industrial) hangers. Specifically excluded from the scope of the order are wooden, plastic, and other garment hangers that are not made of steel wire. Also excluded from the scope of the order are chrome-plated steel wire garment hangers with a diameter of 3.4 mm or greater. The products subject to the order are currently classified under U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (“HTSUS”) subheadings 7326.20.0020, 7323.99.9060, and 7323.99.9080.

² See Initiation of Five-Year (“Sunset”) Review, 78 FR 54237 (September 3, 2013).

³ See Steel Wire Garment Hangers from the People’s Republic of China: Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order, 79 FR 1829 (January 10, 2014).

⁴ See Steel Wire Garment Hangers from China, 79 FR 11126 (February 27, 2014).

Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

Continuation of the Order

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the ITC that revocation of the antidumping duty order would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, the Department hereby orders the continuation of the antidumping order on steel wire garment hangers from the PRC. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect antidumping duty cash deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise. The effective date of the continuation of the order will be the date of publication in the Federal Register of this notice of continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year review of the order not later than 30 days prior to the fifth anniversary of the effective date of continuation.

This five-year (“sunset”) review and this notice are in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act and published pursuant to section 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: March 5, 2014.

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